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SUBJECT

Debt of Chinese National Government to Czechoslovakia NO OF PAGES for Weapons Supplied before 1939

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Prior to the occupation of Czechoslovakia by the Germans in 1939, the Czechoslovak Armament Plant "Zbrojovka" in Brno (Bruenn, Czechoslovakia) delivered the following military supplies to the Chinese Nationalist Government:

Rifles, caliber 7.92 mm Mauser-type, 1924 style

100,000

Bren-type light machine guns

2,500

Schwartzlose-type machine guns

2,500

Ammunition for rifles

1,000 rounds each

Ammunition for machine guns

10,000 rounds each

An undetermined amount of machinery needed for the production of 7.92 mm ammunition was also delivered.

- 2. The Chinese Government still owes the Czechoslovak Armament Plant in Brao approximately 500,000 British pounds. The present Czechoslovak Government will attempt to collect this sum.
- 3. After the occupation of Czechoslovakia in 1939, the Japanese Hilitary Attache in Berlin conducted negotiations for further delivery of arms to China (for the Kuantung Army) via Japan. It is believed that a contract was made and an unstated amount of arms were delivered to the Japanese who forwarded the arms to the Kuantung army in Manchuria.,

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